

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 15550US02)**

<i>In the Reissue Application of:</i> John T. Bretscher	<i>Examiner:</i> Ajay M. Bhatia
<i>Application No.:</i> 10/821,833	<i>Group Art Unit:</i> 2445
<i>Filed:</i> April 9, 2004	<i>Confirmation No.:</i> 1417
<i>For:</i> COMPUTER SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD FOR MULTI-USER, REAL-TIME APPLICATIONS	<i>Express Mail Label No.</i>
<i>Original Patent:</i> 6,370,564	<i>Date of Express Mailing</i>

**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE UNITED STATES
TO OVERCOME CITED PATENT OR PUBLICATION (37 C.F.R. 1.131)**

Sir:

1. This declaration is to establish diligent pursuit of the invention in this application in the United States During the time period March 20 – June 11th, 1996.
2. The person making this declaration is Bruce Edward Stuckman, and I am a patent attorney Reg. No. 36,693.
3. I have a Ph D. in Systems Engineering from Oakland University, a Masters Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Oakland University, and a Bachelors Degree in Engineering with a concentration in Electronics.
4. As more specifically stated hereinafter, attorney diligence included hiring additional patent counsel with expertise in the field of the invention, to assist patent counsel already retained, in preparing and filing the patent application (Bretscher Application) which gave rise to U.S. Patent No. 6,175,854, the parent of U.S. Patent No. 6,370,564, which is the subject of the instant reissue application.
5. During the time period March 20 – June 6th, 1996 (the “Time Period”), attorneys for Ameritech Corporation and its subsidiaries (“Ameritech”) actively recruited me for a position as in-house patent counsel. Three personal interviews and ongoing and regular communications occurred during the Time Period, including my accepting the position on or about May 22nd of 1996.
6. Ameritech attorneys were anxious for me to begin work, which included the Bretscher Application, as soon as possible. I therefore took up the Bretscher Application on my first day of work, which was Friday, June 7th, 1996. I reviewed the Bretscher Application and scheduled a meeting with the inventor Mr. Bretscher.

7. Ameritech employees, such as Mr. Bretscher, do not normally work on weekends or holidays. Therefore, the first day I could meet with the Mr. Bretscher was the next business day, Monday, June 10, 1996.

8. I met with Mr. Bretscher on June 10, 1996, and I discussed the Bretscher Application with him. As a result, the formal papers for the Bretscher Application were executed and delivered to the Chicago office of Brinks, Hofer, Gilson, and Lione for filing.

9. As indicated in the records of the U.S. Patent Office, the Bretscher Application was filed the following business day, i.e., on June 11, 2010.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

9/15/2012



Bruce Edward Stuckman